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ENCOURAGING CHARITABLE DONATIONS!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

Madam Speaker, I recently introduced legislation (H.R. 3248) intended to simplify the charitable giving rules for automobile donations.

As you know, in 2004, Congress enacted legislation that imposed new reporting requirements on individuals and charities for automobile donations. This legislation has had the unintended consequence of reducing the number of automobiles donated to charities in my district. The corresponding loss in revenue and reduction in services offered by these charities has hurt the San Diego region.

To correct this situation, my bill will exempt certain charities from the reporting requirements of the 2004 law. My bill is targeted only to those charities that operate “in-house” vehicle donation programs and that retain at least 80% of the proceeds from their vehicle donation programs.

I invite my colleagues to join me as co-sponsors of this legislation to simplify the vehicle donation process for charitable organizations across the United States.